

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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LUXURY TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether luxury train tourism is fast picking up in India;
- (b) if so, the details of such trains that have since been introduced on the rail system to boost tourism in different regions; and
- (c) the action plan of the railways to introduce such a train on the East Coast of Railway (ECoR) system to increase Buddhist tourism in Orissa?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) The Indian Railways is operating 'Palace on Wheels' and 'Royal Rajasthan on Wheels' in association with Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation, 'Deccan Odyssey' in association with Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation and 'Golden Chariot' in association with Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation.
- (c) Luxury tourist train is introduced at the instance of and in association with respective State Government/State Tourism Development Corporation. This Ministry has not received any such proposal from the State Government of Orissa.